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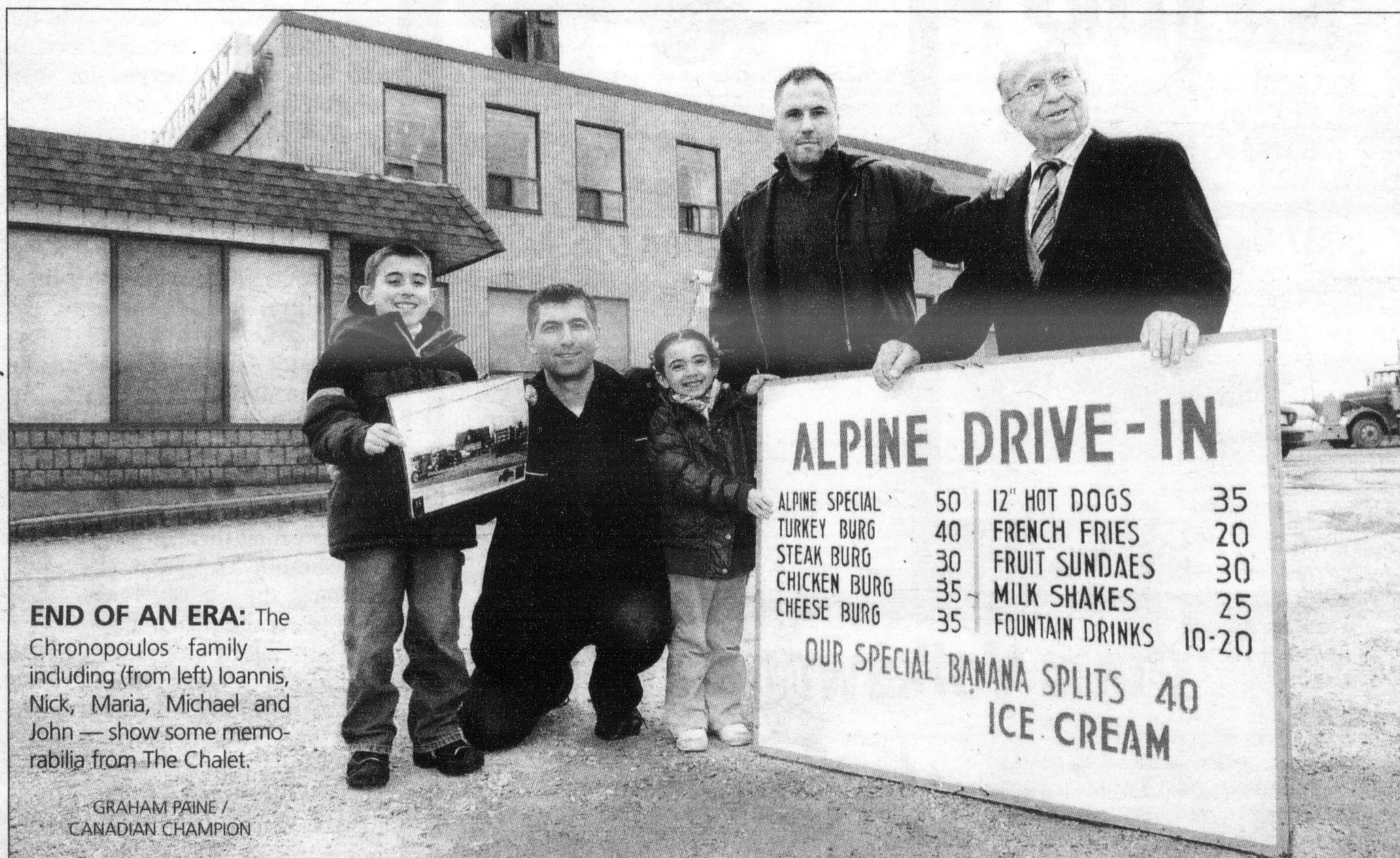
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END OF AN ERA: The Chronopoulos family — including (from left) Ioannis, Nick, Maria, Michael and John — show some memorabilia from The Chalet.

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Green Party has Halton candidate

By Christina Commisso
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The candidate for Halton's Federal Greens says the party's blend of Conservative and Liberal policies offer the best of both worlds.

"They're really fiscally Conservative, but socially and environmentally they're Liberal," said Judi Remigio, who was officially named Halton's Green candidate Sunday.



The Burlington resident said the Green's platform, which she describes as economically, ecologically and socially strong, resonates with her.

"I'm an idealist, and that's a good thing. Where would we be if we held ourselves back and didn't shoot for the stars," said the mom of two.

"In some ways the Green Party is perceived as idealist in its vision, but all their ducks are in a row and all their policies are based on sound, scientific research."

Remigio, 45, said the Green's policies on curbing the release of fossil fuels and removing tax breaks for businesses that do pollute will sit well with Halton's diverse population.

"As I go around and speak to people, it's all ages, not just the 20-somethings but seniors too, who are open to our platform," said Remigio. "They realize we're inheriting this planet for our grandchildren and we have to think about what kind of legacy are we leaving for them."

Remigio's originally from Essex County and moved to Burlington in 2003. She's a teacher at Halton Waldorf School.

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The Chalet restaurant changing hands

Chronopoulos family tradition comes to end after 40 years

By Christina Commisso
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Usually radiating with the smells of sizzling bacon and hot beef sandwiches, visitors to The Chalet restaurant are currently greeted with paint fumes and carpenter dust.

After 40 years in business, The Chalet is changing hands.

It's now closed for renovations.

Sitting among the old scattered tables while contractors hammer away at the walls, the Chronopoulos family says while

it's hard to see the family business go — it's time.

"Four decades of tradition are coming to a close," says Michael Chronopoulos, surrounded by his brother Nick and father John. "There's been a lot of changes in Milton since we moved here in the '70s."

John has seen the building that houses The Chalet double in sized, and he has seen Milton's population go from less than 10,000 to close to 100,000.

"We were very busy for years and years, we had the best food in this area," says John. "When we came to Milton, there was

nothing north of the 401, and only a few restaurants in town."

Four to be exact.

At the time, Milton was the perfect place for the family business to flourish.

But Milton was hardly the first stop in John's journey.

One of six kids, John was born in a small Greek village. At age 13, he moved to Athens to find work during the Depression. There, he lived through the Second World War, Greek Civil War, survived a gunshot shot wound and eventually hopped the Queen Frederica for Canada in 1956.

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